

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all previous claim listings.

1.-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) An isolated *Talaromyces* sp. B-422 strain ~~which is deposited as having Accession No. FERM BP-08516 and controls seed-borne disease of Gramineous plants.~~

22. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising an active culture of the ~~isolate~~ strain of claim 21 and a solid or liquid carrier.

23. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 22 which comprises an effective amount of said ~~isolate~~ strain sufficient for controlling diseases caused by *Gibberella fujikuroi* and *Burkholderia plantarii*.

24. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 22 further comprising an insecticide, a nematocide, a miticide, a herbicide, or a plant growth stimulator.

25. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) A method for controlling diseases caused by *Gibberella fujikuroi* and *Burkholderia plantarii*, comprising applying an effective amount of the *Talaromyces* strain according to claim 21 ~~as an active fungus.~~

26. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) A method for controlling diseases caused by *Gibberella fujikuroi* and *Burkholderia plantarii*, wherein a gramineous plant, a gramineous plant seed, a soil for raising ~~seedling~~ seedlings of a gramineous plant, a rock wool for raising ~~seedling~~ seedlings of a gramineous plant, and/or a nursery box for raising ~~seedling~~ seedlings of a gramineous plant ~~are~~ is treated with the *Talaromyces* strain according to claim 21.

27. (Withdrawn) A Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.

28. (Withdrawn) A Gramineous plant seed treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.

29. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) A soil for raising ~~seedling~~ seedlings of a Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.

30. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) A rock wool for raising ~~seedling~~ seedlings of a Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.

31. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) A nursery box for raising ~~seedling~~ seedlings of a Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.